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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 9TH, 1908

THAT some occult influence has been at work in Peking to render nugatory the efforts of those who are seeking to restore China to her place and influence amongst the nations, is becoming, from day to day, more evident. The powers of reaction have won a noteworthy victory in the provinces of Chekiang and Kiangsu, with the result that these two provinces, formerly looked upon as the best ordered in the Empire, have for the last two years attained an unenviable reputation for disorder and violence. In the north this condition is always associated with the former Taotai YUAN of Shanghai, who was so unpleasantly connected with the plot to destroy the Foreign Settlements, and who, instead of being punished as a traitor, has in the face of his crimes, not only against the foreigner, but in direct contumacy to the Government at Peking, been actually promoted to substantive office, and appointed to the important post of Senior Vice-president of the Board of Civil Administration, a post which gives him opportunity of paralysing on their way to the provinces the orders of the central Government itself. Common report has it that on one occasion, not many months ago, the old Viceroy CHANG CHIN-TUNG was bold enough in the presence of the Empress Dowager to mention the existence of the eunuchs about the Palace. Such a thing, especially in the presence of the Dowager Tz'u Hsi, of course

partook almost of high treason, and an instantaneous glance from Her Majesty, prevented the sentence being concluded. There is, however, some reason for the belief that the rapid promotion of YUAN Taotai, is not altogether unconnected with this little episode, and that YUAN, whose predilection for suspicious alliances is notorious, is at the moment posing at the Court as their mouthpiece. We have already on more than one occasion had occasion to allude to his suspicious connection with the Salt Smugglers of the Hangchow Bay who (as is well known), under powerful official patronage have actually become a competitor with the Peking Government itself in the administration of the two provinces; and since YUAN's promotion it is notorious not only that their depredations have increased, but that they have been carried on with increasing immunity. Meanwhile the local officials are paralysed by contrary orders. The official orders instruct them to exterminate the Smugglers, while private instructions, coupled with their own instincts, prompt them to temporise, which to an official indicates a chance of hush money not to be lightly thrown away. So the local officials find themselves accordingly blind to the whole affair, and carefully wait till on each occasion an emissary from the plundered craft comes to inform them that pirates are about, when the news is received with well affected incredulity, and an official launch sent to "make enquiries." The Shanghai Mercury thus writes on the subject: "Piracy is rampant, and the authorities, if they can be called such who have no authority, are helpless. We were told some weeks ago that an army was on its way southward for the express purpose of dealing with the salt smugglers and other rapscallions of Chekiang and Kiangsu. Where are they? Probably the local officials have had their own way, and the efficient northerners have been effectually countermanded. The local officials would have had to bear the expense of the invaders, their own forces would have lost face, and—one can never tell—there is every possibility that certain official receipts might have disappeared before such a radical cure as was suggested. By this as it may, there is no diminution of crime so far as we can discover, and the question arises: What is to be done about it?" Now there is no doubt from the entire current of affairs that the greater part of this is correct; but it is not the whole truth. The provincial officials for the most part would, we believe, willingly wash their hands of the whole affair, which is seriously interfering with the finances of the country. True, they are not above taking advantage of the circumstances to fill up the gap by accepting hush money; but it is only fair to look at the matter from the provincial's point of view before condemning him too hastily. He has had to pay heavily for his office, the emoluments of which are pretty closely watched at Peking. But besides this, which may be called the regular contribution which goes towards supporting the Court proper, there are extra squeezes which go to support the Court improper, i.e. the eunuchs and their belongings, which under the present regime is no light matter, including as it does not only the eunuchs, but all the irregular expenses of the Empress Dowager. Now in the majority of instances the official has had to borrow heavily for his post, this lending of money to officials on appointment being considered quite honourable, and constituting a very important branch of banking; and should he after appointment fail to repay his indebtedness on this score, he is for ever afterwards looked upon as a defaulter, and has no hope of ever obtaining another appointment. This is the terror that ever hangs over the provincial official, whose whole life is occupied in keeping square, on the one hand with the faction in power in Peking, and on the other with his creditors, who, he knows by too many instances among his friends, will have no mercy on him should he once make default. Now of late years, instead of the expense of her irregular Court diminishing with the advancing years of the Empress Dowager, they have actually with the ever growing greed of her eunuchs been passing out of bounds, and the more the provincial is squeezed by the powers above him, the more he is driven to have recourse to devious ways. Now it is notorious that it is by ways such as these that YUAN SHUHSUN has contrived to make himself acceptable to the Court, regular or irregular, and this of course, is the secret of his recent promotion. The better officials feel the degradation of having thus to pander to the iniquities of the Court, and many of them would gladly hail reform. The whole system is, however, so utterly rotten from its foundation upwards that no one can pretend that amidst

the general corruption he himself is pure; and the justest are so entangled in the slush surrounding themselves, that none are found able to stretch out a helping hand to their neighbours. As we have often pointed out, reform to open the way must begin at the top, and nothing short of the purification of the Court can be effective in stemming the current of corruption. This is just what the present advisers of the Court—men for instance like YUAN SHUHSUN—who live on its corruptions, are not likely to do. Meanwhile the provinces, disgusted at the conduct of these who ought to be their betters, but are not, are growing uneasy, and organised marauders like the Salt Smugglers of the Hangchow bay are reaping a rich harvest. It is evident that such a state of affairs cannot long continue and that the overbalanced ship of state, unless taken in hand, must quickly founder; but what is that to the present leaders? If it last their time, is not that sufficient? why take thought for to-morrow?

It is interesting to find that the present rulers have commenced to consult the Prince CHUN. Prince CHUN, so far, seems to have kept himself free from the surrounding corruption, but is he strong enough to undertake the rescue of the State? On that slender thread seems to rest the future stability of the Empire. He cannot be Emperor without offending the older religious instincts of the State; but his son with himself as Regent may; but in any case the present regime has proved its utter incapacity for further rule, and the sooner the replacement is made the better for China.

The Government Gazette contains the rules for the Kowloon and Victoria British school.

Mr. and Mrs. Templeton, who are going home on holiday, were entertained to dinner by the Taikoo Sugar Refinery staff on Saturday night.

No less than 133 candidates, of whom 7 are girls, paid entrance fees for the Oxford Local examination to be held next July. Last year there were 134.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by 2nd Lieutenant F. O. Reynolds of his Commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

An order has been made by the Governor-in-Council that sections 90 and 91 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903 shall, from 2nd March, apply to the island of Cheung Chau in the New Territories.

Mr. William A. Sundheimer, the travelling representative of the Ardath Tobacco Company, who is now in Singapore, expects to reach Hongkong on the 20th inst. with a full range of his Company's products.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Dr. W. W. Pease, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, to act as Medical Officer of Health and Superintendent of Statistics, during the absence on leave of Dr. F. W. Clark, with effect from the 9th instant.

During February the hottest day was the 29th, when the temperature stood at 75.2, and there were 7.2 hours of sunshine. The total sunshine for the month was 87.4 hours. The coldest day was the 20th, the glass being 50.1. There were 2.830 inches of rain during the month.

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It is notified in the Gazette that under the St. John's Cathedral Church Ordinance the following were at a meeting of shareholders and subscribers held on Jan. 28th elected lay members of the Church. Body:—Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Massrs. W. Armstrong, A. Bryer, H. R. B. Hancock, E. Ormsby, and H. W. Slade. Mr. J. C. Peter was elected auditor.

A trial was by Mr. Gompertz on Saturday committed to take his trial for attempted robbery. With another man he is said to have attacked an Indian watchman, thrown pepper in his eyes, and attempted to rifle his pockets; but the interference of a European prevented this being carried out. The watchman usually carried a considerable amount of money.

Returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong during the month ended 29th February, 1908, as certified by the managers of the respective banks.

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Rumours respecting a further increase by the Bank of Japan of the bank-rate are becoming more insistent. The "Japan Chronicle" is informed that bankers in Osaka generally appear to admit the course to be inevitable in order to prevent the exodus of gold. Such a measure is necessary for strengthening the basis of the note system of the Bank of Japan, and it can also be used to prevent a financial crisis. It is necessary at the present juncture that money should be advanced freely to business of sound standing, but bank-rates now always rank higher than the official rates of the Bank of Japan. The consequence is that the banks borrow from the national bank, and make advances to their clients, pocketing the difference in rate of interest. Banks are thus induced to make advances with less care than should be observed, and the increase in the rate of the Bank of Japan will prevent that.

The Osaka Asahi is again attacking the commercial morality of English manufacturers. It alleges that cotton spinners and weavers in Japan have been subjected to considerable difficulty on account of the delay in the delivery of machinery ordered from well-known English makers of spinning and weaving machinery. Between the second half of 1906 and last year

the spinning industry made marked progress, the total number of spindles during the period by extension of works or the formation of new companies, increasing by 300,000, machinery for which was ordered from England. The contracted time for the delivery of the machinery, representing some five million yen in value, expired over six months ago, and yet the machinery has not arrived. The Osaka journal ascribes the delay to delivery to the fact that the English contractors accepted more orders than they could execute owing to the remarkable activity in the spinning and weaving industry in Europe and America during the past three years. It makes some strong comments on the lack of integrity shown in taking orders which could not be executed.

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In regard to the statement of the Military Correspondent of the Times, Mr. Asquith stated in the House of Commons that Lord Tweedmouth received a letter from the Kaiser which naturally aroused in many quarters that the stories constitute a manoeuvre inspired by the supporters of the big navy schemes. But from careful inquiry there appears to be some genuine basis for apprehension with regard to the relations between China and Japan, and that Russia therefore thinks it wise to be on her guard. Japan's action in regard to Manchuria is being watched very closely by Russian diplomacy, and it is believed that the recent publication of the Russian Orangebook, though giving only the briefest possible summary of the negotiations which led up to the Russo-Japanese treaty, was intended to convey a gentle reminder to Tokyo that Japan has by treaty pledged herself to the integrity of China and the open door in Manchuria. It is difficult to separate the false from the true, but the Russian Government is undoubtedly in a position to secure valuable information from M. Shiroff, who has just returned from the Far East. His impressions, while justifying some anxiety owing to the strained relations noticed in Manchuria between the Chinese and the Japanese, are far from bearing out the alarmist views which some hot-headed people would like to propagate. Cool-headed students cannot fail to note that these sensational developments in the Far East seem timed to coincide with the arrival of the American Squadron in the Pacific.

RUSSIA AND THE FAR EAST.

All sorts of rumours as to imminent complications in the Far East and the despatch of large reinforcements to Transbaikalia have been rife (says a St. Petersburg message). Suspicion has naturally been aroused in many quarters that these stories constitute a manoeuvre inspired by the supporters of the big navy schemes.

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The correspondent of the Times urges that the letter and the reply to it be immediately laid before Parliament. The Times commenting on the matter, protests against the secrecy of the letter, as the regular official channels were open, and hopes that the Government will not declare the letter private.

LATER.

In regard to the statement of the Military Correspondent of the Times, Mr. Asquith stated in the House of Commons that Lord Tweedmouth received a letter from the Kaiser which was purely personal and private communication. Lord Tweedmouth's answer was equally private and informal; neither the letter nor the answer were known or communicated to the Cabinet. In view of the reports which were in circulation he (Mr. Asquith) might add, that the final decision regarding the Navy Estimates for the year had been taken before the letter arrived (loud cheers). Prior to Mr. Asquith's statement the Cabinet had met in the House to clearly discuss the nature of the statement. An official statement from Berlin denies that the Emperor of Germany attempted to interfere with British naval plans; the letter to Lord Tweedmouth merely corrected certain erroneous views which were prevalent in England regarding the development of the German fleet. In the same way as the German Emperor would reject any foreign attempt to decide the proportions of the fleet of Germany, so would he repudiate the idea of interfering with the affairs of the British navy.

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## KAISER AND BRITISH NAVY.

LONDON, March 8th.

The "Times" has disclosed that a letter has been written by the Kaiser to Lord Tweedmouth having reference to British naval policy. Intense interest has been aroused and many newspapers have demanded that the text be published. Lord Tweedmouth

has stated that it was merely a personal letter. General British opinion exonerates the Kaiser.

## DISASTROUS GALE.

LONDON, March 8th.

Another gale has caused many shipping disasters on the British coast.

## COLLIERY.

LONDON, March 8th.

Twenty-two men have been suffocated in the Hamstead Colliery near Birmingham.

## OBITUARY.

LONDON, March 8th.

Miss Lily Hanbury, the actress, and Sir George Couper are dead.

[Sir George Couper, K.C. S.L.C., and C.I.E., was born in 1824. He entered the Bengal Civil Service in 1846, and served through the sieges of Lucknow as A.D.C. to Sir Henry Lawrence and to Sir James Outram later. He retired in 1852.]

## FOOTBALL

**HONGKONG CLUB v. CAMERONS.**  
The drawn game which resulted in the previous meeting of the Hongkong Club and "H" Company of the Camerons in the Shield competition led to anticipations of a stirring match at the Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. But the expected did not happen. The Club was decidedly the better team, and, though the Camerons struggled bravely on, they were completely outplayed. The composition of the Club team had undergone a change, a change which spoiled improvement, but the same could not be said regarding the differences made in the soldiers' team. Kicking off with the sunand wind against them, the Club became early aggressive and it was soon evident that victory would be theirs. Their forwards were taller and speedier and smarter on the ball than the Cameron front line and their tactics were superior. Their combination was effective and they were fortunate whenever any fancy play was attempted, because it invariably came off. Their front rank was well fed by the halves while the backs were always where they were wanted. On the other hand the Camerons never seemed to be able to do anything. Their lack of speed was a great handicap and their long kicking failed to tell when it was not supported with rushing forwards. Had it not been for their strong defence, their two capable backs who saved time after time, the score against them would have been higher. As it was the Camerons were never really dangerous but once in the first half, though on the other hand the goals secured by Williams and Weston were rather soft. Not that the Club had worked for the points but on those occasions the goalkeeper might have done better. It had not the same opportunity when Eager beat him for the third time. Half-time arrived with the score—Club, 3 goals; Camerons, nil.

The second half opened with the Camerons decidedly aggressive and it looked as if they were going to reduce the lead of the civilians, but their efforts came to nought, and the Club got away again and scored through Eager. After that play became uninteresting and the result was: Club, 4 goals; Camerons, nil.

The teams were (Camerons)—Fraser, Edmundson and Lumden; Cameron, Priest and Hennessy; Jamison and Blaikie; Fagan, Jerome and McGuire. Club—F. H. Kew, E. F. Ansett and E. Humphreys; L. J. Wishart, J. Hall, and A. Gregory; W. H. Williams, O. Eager, J. Mead, W. McG. Weston and R. R. Turner. Referees, Lieut. Mullins, R.N.

## LAWN BOWL

A match for spoons was played on Saturday afternoon at the Cosmopolitan Dock between Quarry Bay and the Dock teams, six men aside, for spoons. An interesting competition resulted in the victory of the home men by 60 to 52. The Dock players were Messrs. McClellan, Nicolson, Ramsay (skip), Fisher, Hanson and Miller, and the Quarry Bay representatives were Messrs. Pirie, Dickie, Currie (skip), Dunning, Hardwick and another. The spoons were afterwards presented to the winning team by Mr. McAlister.

## YACHTING

Dr. Clark, the commodore of the Corinthian Yacht Club, was entertained to dinner on the eve of his departure for England by several members of the club. Complimentary references were made to the doctor's services and he was presented with a large framed photograph of the club house. After dinner there was a discussion on types of boats and Dr. Hayes of Siam, who was present, said he would give \$300 to the Committee of the Club as a prize for the member who designed the boat most suitable to the club and for racing in Hongkong.

## HOCKEY

The United Service Recreation Club will be "At Home" this afternoon, on the occasion of their hockey match against Canton. The following will represent the U.S.R.C.—Back Captain Collingwood, (R.A.M.C.); Lieut. J. Isaacson, (R.N.); and Lieut. J. Flude, (R.N.); halves, Lieut. A. H. Paxton, (R.F.E.); Lieut. R. W. Waller, (R.A.); and Captain Price, (R.A.); forwards, Lieut. F. S. Scovell (R.E.); Lieut. G. C. White (E.A.); Lieut. F. N. Kirwan (A.S.C.); Lieut. C. H. Satterthwaite (R.E.); and Lieut. C. R. Mullins (E.M.L.I.).

## VIOLENT REMOVAL

**GERMAN SOCIALISTS "GLOAT OVER THE EXECUTION.**  
If the "Express" Correspondent at Berlin is to be trusted in his message dated February 4th (just received) our charitable view of the Reichstag Socialists' conduct will require revision. His

The Socialist newspapers of Germany have supplemented the demonstration of the Socialist deputies in the Reichstag in favour of the Lisbon assassins by glorifying the murder of the King and Crown Prince of Portugal as an heroic deed.

The "Vorwärts," the Berlin organ of the Socialist party, publishes a leading article in which it intentionally avoids referring to the event of Saturday as a murder or crime. The double assassination is represented as being "punishment" and "violent removal." It is described as "proof that government against the will of a nation cannot remain unpunished."

Another leading Socialist organ, the "Leipziger Volkszeitung," absolutely gloats over the assassinations. Articles in the Socialist Press throughout Germany clearly reveal that German Socialists regard this atrocious crime as a just, legitimate act.

At the last moment some changes have been made in the composition of the Portuguese Ministry, its final constitution being as follows:

Premier and Minister of the Interior: Vice-Admiral Ferreria do Amaral.

Minister of Justice: Senhor Campos Henriques.

Minister of Marine: Senhor Augusto Castilho.

Minister for Foreign Affairs: Senhor Wenecio Lima.

Minister of War: Senhor Sebastian Tolles.

Minister of Finance: Senhor Espregueira.

Minister of Public Works: Senhor Carvalho Nagelhaeck.

## HONGKONG MILLING COMPANY

The third ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Milling Company Limited, was held at the Company's Office, King's Building on Saturday. Mr. A. H. Rennie, president and there were present Sir Paul Chater, Mr. E. Shellim, H. N. Mody (directors), Messrs. J. Orange, H. Percy Smith, A. H. Ough, F. R. Chard, N. Yobayashi, W. Hughes, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Tin Lan Kok, Leung Koon Tai.

The notice convening the meeting having been read,

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts to the end of 1907 have now been in your hands for the past 10 or 12 days, and with your permission, I will take them as read. I hope you will agree with me that the result of the working is satisfactory for the first year of a Company such as this, which introduces a new industry into the Colony. The conditions throughout the year have been generally unfavourable, the large stocks of American and Australian flour, which amounted to over 5,000,000 bags in 1907, having exercised a very depressing effect on prices, which are much below the level justified by the advance in wheat. The outlook for the current year is more promising; the demand for our products continues so strong, that we have difficulty in keeping pace with it. As stated in the Directors' Report, our ice plant will be in running order by the beginning of April. The Hongkong Ice Company have contracted to take the whole of our output for a period of ten years, and we anticipate that this branch of our business will prove very profitable. I am glad to say that everything is going smoothly at the mills; our Diesel engines and milling plant are in perfect condition, and there is no sickness among our employees.

Mr. G. H. Mudie and Mr. G. R. Langman retire in rotation, according to the Articles of Association, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. W. H. Potts and O'D. Gourdin have audited the accounts now presented and offer themselves for re-election.

HENRY KESWICK,  
Chairman.

PROPERTY. The exchange of land with Government was completed, sum of \$10,261.65 being received for the difference in area of the land exchanged. The doors and roofs strengthened, and the damage caused by the 1906 typhoon generally made good. The Praya sea wall has been underpinned from end to end, the face of it foundations strengthened.

WHARVES. No. 2 Wharf, the Ferry Wharf and one small Wharf have been rebuilt, and are now practically new. The Shears Wharf has been enlarged and the sea-bed round the wharves cleared of typhoon debris and deepened so as to afford five berths for large vessels drawing 25 to 27 feet. West Point Wharf was rebuilt.

RAILWAYS. New rails (including steam crane rails) have been laid the whole length of the Praya thus greatly facilitating the working of cargo.

LAUNCHES have all been placed in thorough repair and their Engine rooms cleaned. A launch, the "Albatross," was acquired.

LIGHTERS have been repaired throughout and steam cranes fitted to three large ones for delivering railway material at Canton.

MACHINERY AND PLANT. A 10 ton locomotive crane for loading heavy timber was acquired, a Lidgerwood engine for pile driving, a portable hand crane and a second hand 5 ton locomotive crane. Also a 10 ft. travelling passenger gangway for 300 persons.

Typhoon of 18th September, 1906. The actual expenditure to the 31st December, 1907, was—On new lighters and launches \$328,602.60 for carrying on the work ... \$328,602.60 On rebuilding wharves and improving the property ... 141,779.87 On repairs and sundries ... 200,769.85

\$671,339.65

## DIRECTORS.

The Hon. Mr. W. J. Grosson, Mr. E. Goetz, Mr. A. Haupt, Mr. N. A. Siebs and Mr. D. M. Neissin resigned on leaving the Colony. The Hon. Mr. H. Keswick, Mr. G. Friesland, Mr. A. Fuchs, Mr. E. Bellings and Mr. A. S. Constand joined the Board, and their appointments require confirmation.

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Chairman.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1908.

## BALANCE SHEET.

To 31st December, 1907.

LIABILITIES.

To capital \$40,000 fully paid up shares at \$50 ... \$2,000.00 Less 138 shares not issued 6,800

To new capital called up Dec. 31, 1907 924,462.00

To estate of G. Sharp (deceased) Mortgaged ... 150,981.00

To reserve fund ... 550,000.00

To insurance fund ... 40,000.00

To Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation ... 634,685.59

To depreciation and repairs account ... 26,600.68

To unclaimed dividends ... 32,970.81

To directors and auditors' fees ... 10,500.00

To final dividend ... 56,793.89

To profit and loss account, balance ... 4,730,515.76

Dec. 31, 1907.

ASSETS.

At Kowloon as per last account ... 3,170,631.24

Since expended on new buildings ... 85,013.41

... 3,255,644.72

Less received from Government for exchange of land ... 10,261.65

... 3,185,383.07

Value of Wharves at Kowloon as per last account ... 147,351.03

Since expended on new wharves ... 38,354.19

... 236,705.22

Value of railways and rolling stock as per last account ... 63,820.00

Since expended on new rails, etc. ... 27,170.61

... 91,930.73

Value of launched as per last account ... 57,050.00

Since expended on new launch ... 13,462.50

... 70,452.50

Value of lighters as per last account ... 307,920.88

Since expended on new lighters ... 183,161.73

... 465,182.61

Value of machinery and plant as per last account ... 105,723.10

Since expended on new machinery, etc. ... 33,454.19

... 137,788.48

Value of shear legs as per last account ... 3,000.00

Value of land and buildings at West Point as per last account ... 263,145.88

Value of West Point Wharf, rebuilt ... 91,924.24

Sundry debtors (uncollected dividends) ... 101,686.65

Bank overdraft ... 10,187.00

Value of coal on hand ... 632.18

Value of timber, iron and stores on hand ... 30,609.38

... 47,730,615.76

Dr. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To interest ... 10,933.97

Interim dividend ... 350,294.37

Directors and Auditors' fees \$10,500.00

Final dividend ... 50,706.00

Transfer to depreciation and repairs account ... 91,000.00

Transfer to insurance fund ... 10,000.00

Amount carried to new account \$3,556.81

... 173,852.81

Dr. REDEEMPTION AND REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

To ordinary repairs, renewals and improvements during 1907 ... 29,731.88

To 1908 Typhoon repairs ... 26,614.06

To balance ... 26,306.53

\$113,452.49 Cr.

By balance from last account ... 23,152.49

By transfer from profit and loss account ... 90,000.00

... \$113,452.49 Cr.

REERVE FUND.

To balance ... \$350,000.00

Dr. INSURANCE FUND.

To balance ... \$40,000.00

Dr. BUSINESS.

In almost all branches of the business there was a decline off the most marked being in stocks of Yarn which fell below the average of some years past.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## BEKANNIMACHUNG.

IMMISCHEN Handelsregister, Abteilung A, Band I, ist unter Nr. 7 in der Firma SIMONSEN & CO eingetragen worden.

Die Prokura des ALEXANDER MULLER ist eingetragen.

WILHELM OTTO CHRISTIAN SPALCKHAUER in Hongkong;

HEINRICH LUDWIG MUHLE in Hongkong;

PAUL ARTHUR FRANZ ICH KORLESCHMIDT in Shanghai;

LUDWIG ERNST RUDOLPH LEISSING in Canton; die Prokura erhielt word n.

KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONZERNAT.

Canton, den 5. März 1908. 502

P. & O. S. N. CO.

## NOTICE.

UNDER instructions from the General Managers, Mr. F. J. ABBOTT, will be in charge of the Company's business at this Port during my absence from the Colony on leave.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent,

Hongkong, 9th March, 1908. 503

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, on THURSDAY, the 26th March, 1908, at 11.30 A.M., to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1907, and the Report of the General Manager or Consulting Committee, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSPORT BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, both days inclusive.

J. W. HEELEY,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1908. 504

## NOTICE.

TENDERS are invited for the following AUSTRALIAN HARDWOOD SLEEPERS:

MURRY RED GUM  
RED MAHOGANY  
WHITE MAHOGANY

GREY BOX  
TALLOW WOOD  
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WHITE STRINGY BARK  
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Delivery—Half a month after July and balance

and August, 1908, f.o.b. Wongsha Railway Wharf.

Tenders must be accompanied by \$500 and will be opened at Railway Head Office at 2 P.M. on 21st of March, 1908. Specification and Form of Tender will be sent to any who desires to tender by applying to the Engineer-in-Chief's Office. The Company is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

THE YUEH-HAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Canton, 7th March, 1908. 505

## NOTICE.

TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY

of Three Thousand Tons of 35 lbs. STEEL RAILS of American Standard Section and fastenings of both American and European manufacture to be delivered along side of Railways Wharf at Wongsha not later than the end of August. The prints of Rail Section and Specification of same will be given to any who intends to tender by applying to the Engineer-in-Chief's Office, Wongsha, Canton. Tenders will be opened in the Railway Company's Head Office, Canton, on the 1st of April at 2 P.M. All tenders must be accompanied by \$500 dollars.

Tenders in Hongkong Currency nett will only be accepted. The Company is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

THE YUEH-HAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Canton, 7th March, 1908. 506

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NOTICE.

HOOSSAIN-ALI & CO. beg to inform

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2nd to 14th March.

Inspection is cordially invited.

HOOSSAIN-ALI & CO.

25 Queen's Road Central,

Under Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1908. 457

## CLEARANCE SALE.

We are holding a Cheap Sale to Clear

part of our old stock, for 14 days

only, from 4th to 10th March, comprising:

Glass-ware, Crockery, Earthen, Electro-

Plated Ware, Marble, Clocks, Iron and Brass

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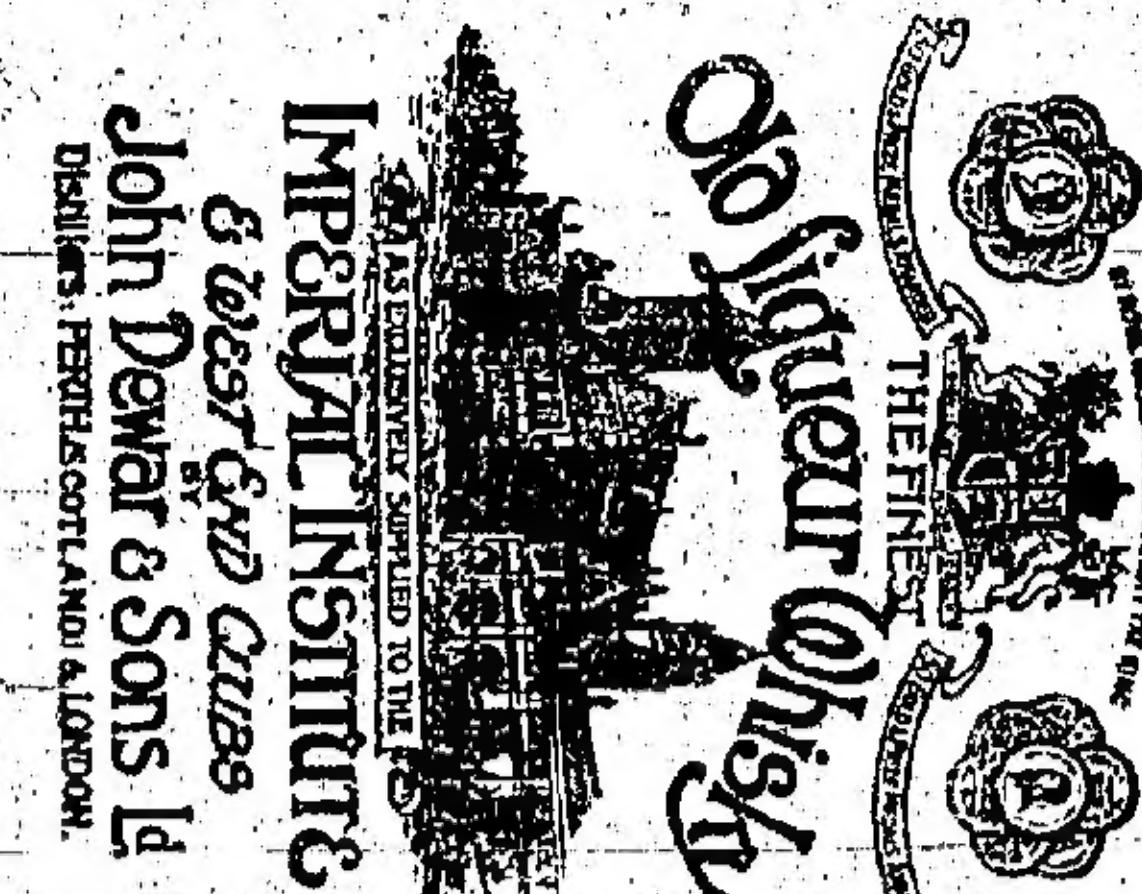
Hongkong, 14th March, 1908. 458

## NEW ADVERTISEMENT

## THE TRADE MARK ORDINANCE, 1898.

## APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOHN DEWAR & SONS, LIMITED, of Glasgow Road, Perth, Scotland and of Dewar's Wharf, Waterloo Bridge, London, has on the 4th October, 1907 applied for the registration in Hongkong in the Register of Trade Marks of the following TRADE MARK:



in the name of JOHN DEWAR & SONS, LIMITED, who claim to be Sole Proprietors thereof. The Trade Mark has been used by the applicants in respect of the following Goods—namely WHISKY IN CLASS 43.

A Facsimile of the Trade Mark can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and also at the Offices of the under-signed.

Dated the 6th day of March, 1908.

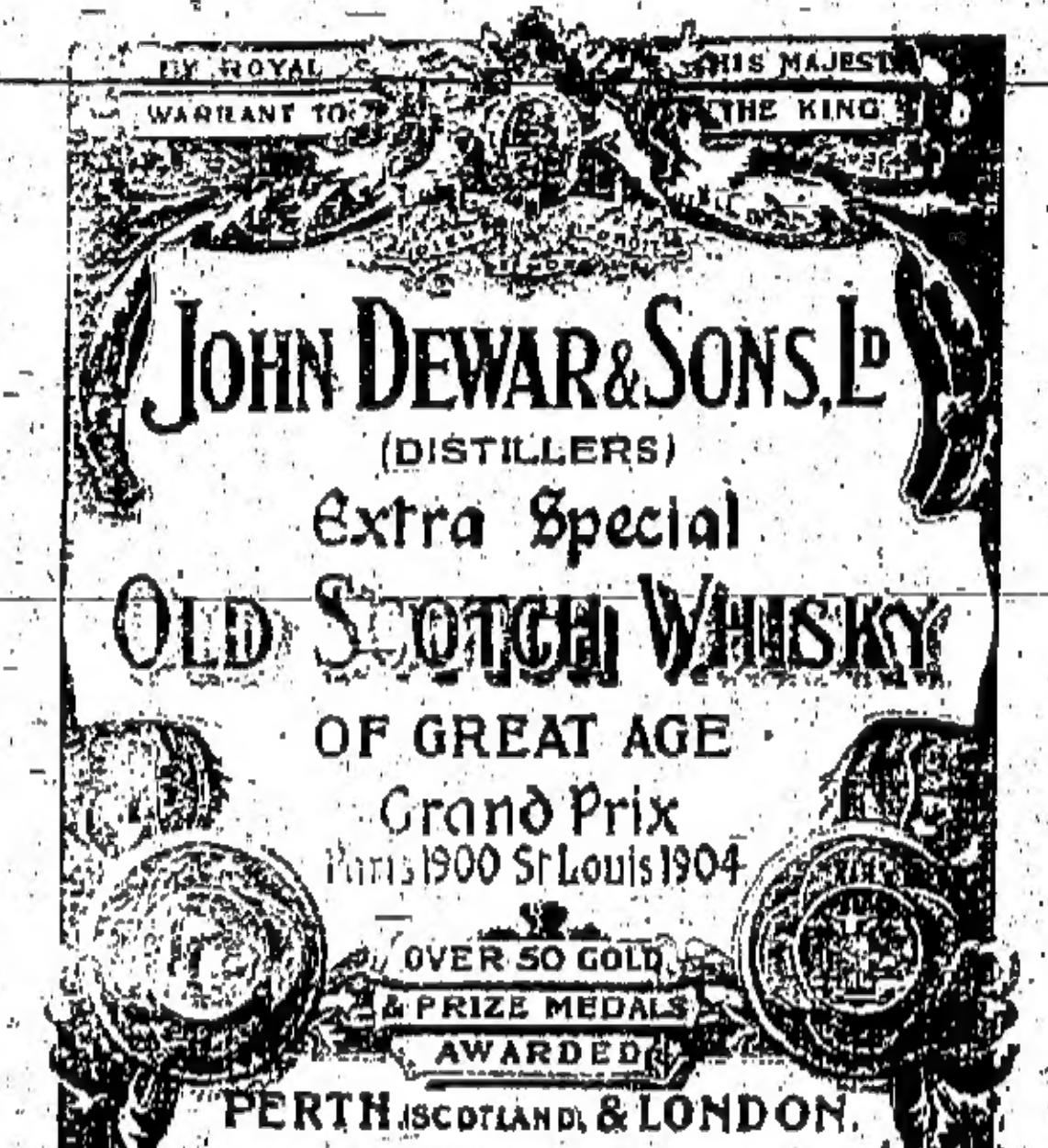
BRUTTON & HETT,  
Nos. 39, 41 and 43 Des Voeux Road, Victoria, Hongkong,  
on behalf of the Applicants

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## NOTICES OF FIRMS

## NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. EDWARD NISSIM to sign our Firm in Hongkong and China from this Date.

E. D. SASOON & CO.  
Hongkong, 6th March 1908. 497

## COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

I have This Day RESUMED CHARGE of the Hongkong Branch of the above Company.

W. H. TRENCHARD DAVIS,  
Branch Manager & Underwriter.  
Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. 498

## DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on SATURDAY, 14th March at 8 o'clock P.M.

Devonian wishing to attend are requested to send their names to

M. S. NORTHCOPE,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Care of Hongkong Club.  
Hongkong, 8th March 1908. 499

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1908. 119

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45, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. 491

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

WE have received instructions to offer on

WEDNESDAY, the 18th March, 1908, commencing each day at 2.30 P.M., at No. 5, Queen's Gardens, Peak Road,

THE WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th March, both days inclusive.

BY Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN L. BROWN,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. 491

## LOST.

FIVE CERTIFICATES of 100 Shares each standing in the Register of this Company in the name of GHORY SUN have been LOST.

Scrip No. 1801—601/00100—100 Shares

" 1802—601/1600—100 "

" 1803—60/00/6300—100 "

" 1804—6030/60400—100 "

" 185—6040/60500—100 "

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1908. 496

## PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE

M. R. S. GILLIAND & ERS

" CLAREMONT," 2 & 4 KENNEDY ROAD.

Foochow, 29th February 1908. 474

## ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATRE ROYAL.

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TO LET.

**O**FICES and ROOMS on the 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 14, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, (formerly occupied by Messrs. SHAWAN, TOME & CO.). Apply to—  
THE COMPRADORE DEPT., JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO., LTD., Connaught Road Central, Hongkong, 25th February, 1908. 209

TO LET.

**N**o. 18B, "TANG YUEN," McDonald Road, Dwelling House. Possession from 1st April next. Apply to— TANG LAP TING, No. 3, Connaught Road West of A CHOO, Tobacconist, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 4th March, 1908. 499

TO LET.

**T**HREE ROOMS on the first floor of No. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, (opposite the General Post Office). The Rooms are light, spacious and well ventilated. Very moderate rent. Immediate Possession. Apply to—  
YEE SANG FAT & CO. Same address, Hongkong, 28th January, 1908. 270

TO LET.

**A**UCTION ROOMS, No. 2, Zetland Street, immediate possession. Nos. 2 and 4, "FAIRVIEW," ROBINSON ROAD, Kowloon. WOODBURY'S GARDEN ROAD, "ROSENEATH," KOWLOON. Apply to— LEIGH & ORANGE, 1, Des Vœux Road, Hongkong, 10th February, 1908. 37

TO LET.

**A**HOUSE in KNUTSFORD TERRACE KOWLOON. Apply to— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st March, 1908. 185

TO LET.

**N**o. 2, MACDONELL ROAD. Apply to— COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Hongkong, 3rd June, 1905. 186

TO LET.

**I**MMEDIATE POSSESSION. GODOWN No. 101, Praya East. Apply to— CHATER & MODY, Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, 17th January, 1908. 212

TO LET.

**G**ODOWN No. 3, NEW PRAYA Kennedy Town. Apply to— HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st March, 1908. 260

TO LET.

**A**SIX ROOMED HOUSE at ELLIOT CLEMENT, Robinson Road. Furnished or Unfurnished. Apply to— F. X. D'ALMADA & CASTRO, 33, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1908. 100

TO LET.

**L**A HACIENDA, East, Mount Kellet, The Peak, unfurnished, from the middle of April next. For particulars apply to the undersigned. C. H. GRACE, Care of Secretary's Office, Hongkong Club, Hongkong, 5th February, 1908. 311

TO LET.

**O**FICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. Apply— SECRETARY, A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. 191

TO LET.

FROM 1ST MAY KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48, Yaumati, Area 85,000 square feet and with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c. Apply to— HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD., Hongkong, 18th January, 1908. 221

TO LET.

**C**HAMBERS in No. 2, WYNDHAM STREET, Moderate Rent. First Floor of No. 6, Queen's Road, Central, comprising Six Large Rooms and Outhouses suitable for business Premises or Dwellings, now occupied by FRANZ BOENEMANN & CO. Apply to— DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 26th February, 1908. 96

TO LET.

"FAIRVIEW," No. 1, Robinson Road, Hongkong. Furnished or Unfurnished Furniture can be purchased if desired, 6 big Rooms, nice view of harbour. Apply to— Messrs. J. ULLMANN & Co., 34, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 17th February, 1908. 382

TO LET.

**N**o. 5, MORRISON HILL. One FOUR ROOMED HOUSE at Praya East, near East Point. Apply to— JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD., Hongkong, 21st October, 1907. 93

TO LET.

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**L**ARGE OFFICE ROOM on First Floor of No. 16, DES VŒUX ROAD. Apply to— FERD. BOENEMANN, No. 16, Des Vœux Road Central, Hongkong, 23rd January, 1908. 144

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## SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

PIGEON-POST SUPPLANTING TELEGRAPH—ENGRAVING BY TELEGRAPH—DEATH TEST BY X-RAYS—A NEW MAGIC

MIRROR—THE TROUBLE WITH SATURN'S RINGS—ELECTRICAL PATENTS—COOKING ON THE JUNGFRÄU—VOLCANIC STEAM FOR POWER.

The experimental pigeon station established at Brazzaville on the Upper Congo has proven so satisfactory during the last year, that French officials and geographers plan to establish a pigeon post throughout the Congo. The first line is to be 360 miles long, with four pigeons 120 miles apart. Taken 120 miles, a bird can return home in about 2½ hours. The flight of each pigeon is to be limited to 120 miles but with proper distribution of birds it is calculated that a letter can be carried 600 or 700 miles between dawn and dark. The telegraph of the region is made unsatisfactory by tufts of wire by the natives and pulling up of poles by the elephants.

In the production of engraved plates by telegraph, Carbomale, a Belgian, uses a picture prepared with thick non-conducting ink, and this is wound upon a revolving cylinder under a stylus in electrical connection with the telegraph line. The receiving cylinder is covered with some soft metal like lead, over which is a stylus that gives a cut varying in depth with the intensity of the current from the stylus. The resulting plate is ready for the printing press, without change.

A new proof of death has been found by Charles Vaillant, a French physician, in X-ray pictures. In a radiograph of a living person the stomach and intestines are not visible, but the stationary condition of these organs, and possibly the development of gases cause them to stand out clearly in the pictures taken immediately after death. The distinction increases with lapse of time after death.

An astonishing bending of glass under exceedingly small pressure has been noted by Douglas Carnegie, an English experimenter. Coating with collision a silver-sulfide mirror on patent plate one twelfth of an inch thick, he held the mirror by one of the rubber suction holders used by photographers in vanishing plates. Interference colors, in a series of concentric circles, appeared over the suction disc as the collision hardened. The only explanation seemed to be the almost incredible one that the slight suction of the holder caused an appreciable concavity of the glass, and this conclusion was verified by reflecting the light of a lantern from the mirror to a screen. In the larger reflection appeared a brighter interior disc, which changed position as the holder was moved.

Saturn's rings are turned nearly edgewise to the earth for the first time since 1891, and several American astronomers have been studying certain kinks that are to be seen on what formerly appeared smooth rings. Prof. Lowell has suggested that this indicates disintegration, portions of the rings having fallen to the surface of planet. Dr. S. A. Mitchell offers the reassuring prediction that Saturn's rings will appear as beautiful to our grandchildren as to us now, and points out that Clerk Maxwell demonstrated sixty years ago that the rings must consist of millions of tiny satellites rotating independently, finding it easy to show that there may be crowding in some places.

The total number of electrical patents issued in the world, excepting Russia, is placed by a German authority at about 500 per year, the actual average for 1904 to 1916 having been 4916. Of these over 2000 are issued to citizens of the United States, and 750 to those of Great Britain and its colonies. Germany issued 900, about 200 to them of foreigners, and it is pointed out that the alert German electricians gain the free use of the bulk of foreign electrical inventions.

Perhaps the most novel and interesting electrical kitchen in the world is that in the Jungfräu district, at a height of more than 10,000 feet above sea level. To get fuel in this desolate region is a matter of difficulty, but the engineers have established a high pressure electric transmission line and current to do the cooking is taken from this line. Transformers reduce the pressure to 125 volts, about 30 kilowatts of energy being required for preparing the daily food of 130 persons. The equipment of the kitchen includes an oven offour compartments, two being 12 inches wide and two 8½ inches. There are also a soup kettle holding 95 pints, two vegetable boilers of 37 pints each, a large hot table on which plates are warmed, a special potato cooker, and a large coffee-boiler. The various pieces of apparatus are all fitted with regulators, and attached by plugs to the distribution board.

The laboratory of Nature is still more efficient than the electric furnace in the making of gems. The artificial sapphires and rubies made in Paris have the composition of certain natural stones except in the small amount of material added for coloring, but their differences seem to be considerable. The artificial sapphires are softer than the real, lighter in weight, and they reflect the light much less brilliantly. As a source of blue coloring, chrome was tried unsuccessfully, and the process actually employed is a secret of the sapphire-makers. The red of the artificial rubies is given by cobalt.

Volcanic steam as a source of mechanical energy is the novel scheme of Signor Giorgio Conti, an Italian engineer. Steam vents in Tuscany have been under observation for fifteen years, and have shown discharges of great regularity, ensuring a constant and considerable supply of highly heated water vapor to anybody enterprise enough to use it. A serious difficulty is the corrosive acids with which natural steam is charged.

## SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erick Georg & Co. say in their weekly share report dated Hongkong, 7th March, 1908. Only moderate investment business has been done during the week under review, and there are but few changes to report. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closed at 1.0414, while rates on Shanghai are Tls. 744, for a Bank T/T, and Tls. 744 for a three days' sight Private Bill. Bariller in London is quoted 25.9/16d. Consols 237½ ex interest. The Bank of England has reduced the rate of discount to 3½ per cent., while the market rate of discount is 3 per cent.

BANK SHARES—Hongkong and Shanghai's sold at \$700 and \$695, closing steady at the last mentioned rate; the London is 275. 10s. 0d. Nationals are unchanged.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES—Unions changed hands in small lots at \$350, but more are on offer. China Traders and Yangtze are unchanged. North China have sellers at Tls. 82, and Cantons are obtainable at the reduced rate of \$240.

FINE INSURANCE SHARES—Hongkong are quiet at \$32½, and without transactions. China sold at \$87 cum dividend, and are now quoted \$89 on the dividend and bonus of together \$8 per share paid yesterday.

SHIP SHARING—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Shares are on offer at \$291. Indo-China dropped to \$62 (\$71½ for preference and \$25½ for deferred shares), at which rate Hongkong has been put through. Shanghai quoted sellers at Tls. 45, and London £4. 5s. 0d. and £2. 15s. 0d. for preference and deferred shares respectively. China and Manila have sellers at \$13 and a lower offer might not be accepted; Douglass are very quiet at \$40. Star Ferries can be placed at \$25 for old, and at \$124 for new shares. Shell Transport are quiet at 45s. London quoting sellers at 46s.. Union Waterboats are not wanted at \$10.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

AMIGO, German str., 321. Franska, 7th March  
Haiphong March 3rd, and Hoihow 5th.  
Rice and General—Jesse & Co.  
CAITHNESS, British str., 2,222. Taylor, 6th  
March—Seattle 21st Jan.—Moray 25th.  
Feb.—Wheat—Ronnie & Co.  
CAPEL, Italian str., 2,718. Padone Domenico,  
8th March—Bombay 17th. Fat and Singa-  
pore 1st March. General—Carlowitz & Co.  
PEST, British str., German cruiser—14,600.  
Wurmbach, 7th March—Balk 2 Pappas  
2nd March.  
HAINCHING, British str., 1,267. A. E. Hodgins  
8th March—Coast Ports 7th March.  
General—Douglas Laprade & Co.  
YO MARU, Japanese str., 3,918. Wm. Thomp-  
son, 8th March—Japan and Shanghai 5th.  
March—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
KWANGSE, British str., 1,223. A. Scott, 8th  
March—Wuhu 4th March, Rice—Butter-  
field & Swire.  
KWEIYANG, British str., 1,044. M. Dowson, 6th  
March—Shanghai 3rd March. General—  
Butterfield & Swire.  
MANILA, German str., 1,108. F. Minson, 8th  
March—Sydney 11th Feb. via Manila 5th  
March. General—Molchers & Co.  
NERITZ, Dutch str., 1,453. H. Westers, 7th  
March—Singapore 29th Feb. Oil in Bulk  
—Mayer & Co.  
NIORO, German cruiser, 2,600. Sungenmaak, 7th  
March—Balk 2nd March.  
SHAN, British str., 7th March—Canton.  
SINGA, British str., 1,047. F. Jameson, 6th  
March—Haiphong 2nd March, and Holtow  
5th. Rice—Butterfield & Swire.  
SOHNU MARU, Japanese str., 1,119. T. Suzuki,  
8th March—Shanghai via Foochow, Amoy  
and Fowao 7th March. General—Osaka  
Shoza Kaihatsu.  
TENTU, German str., 996. O. Koch, 7th March  
Barbadoes and Kohsinhang 28th Feb.  
Rice and General—Butterfield & Swire.

## DEPARTURES.

7th March:  
DELTA, British str., for Europe, &c.  
HOELSTEIN, German str., for Colombo.  
IDOMENEUS, British str., for Shanghai.  
IWANA MARU, Japanese str., for Yokohama.  
KOWLOON, German str., for Tsingtao.  
KWANGSE, Chinese str., for Shanghai.  
MINOLA, British str., for Manila.  
MOGOLIA, British str., for San Francisco.  
SEAVENIA, German str., for Singapore.  
WONKO, German str., for Swatow.  
YUENSANG, British str., for Manila.  
8th March:  
CHENGHING, British str., for Swatow.  
CHOING, German str., for Swatow.  
FEL GERMAN str., for Saigon.  
HONGKEE, British str., for Amoy.  
JOSHUA MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.  
KENNEBECK, Brit. str., for Manila and New York.  
KWEIYANG, British str., for Canton.  
LIANGCHOW, British str., for Ningpo.  
MOYORI MARU, Japanese str., for Singapore.  
NERITZ, Dutch str., for Canton.  
PITCHAKERI, German str., for Hoihow.  
PUTSANLUK, German str., for Swatow.  
TAIWAN, British str., for Saigon.  
TELEMACHUS, British str., for Quinian.  
TUNGSHING, British str., for Swatow.  
Zafiro, British str., for Manila.

## VESSELS IN DOCK

March 7th.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—  
LOWLOON DOCKS—Neil Macleod, Persia,  
Sorrows, Cyloper, Loyal, Mandal, Empress of  
China, Clara Jelken.  
COMMETOPOLITAN DOCKS—Harvard, Courtfield.

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH

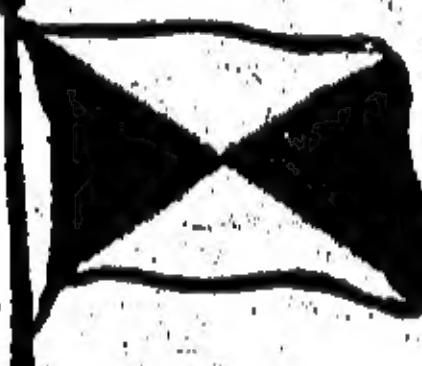
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MARSEILLES, &c. via PORTS OF CALL	TOMKIN	Fr. str.	—	S. J. G. Parsons	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.	On 12th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSHALLS, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE & C.	NUBUKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. J. Fox	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th inst., at D'light
MARSHALLS, LONDON & ANTWERP	HORNENSTAUFEN	Brit. str.	k. w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	About 11th inst.
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MARSHALLS, LYME & COPENHAGEN	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	k. w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	Beginning of April.
MARSHALLS, LYME & COPENHAGEN	BRASILIA	Brit. str.	—	F. E. Cope	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st April, at D'light
MARSHALLS, LYME & COPENHAGEN	SAMBA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Muller	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 15th inst.
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MARSHALLS, LYME & COPENHAGEN	SAIN PATRICK	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO.	About 16th inst.
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MARSHALLS, LYME & COPENHAGEN	LEONNOX	Am. str.	1 m.	—	PODWELL & CO. LTD.	On 17th inst.
MARSHALLS, LYME & COPENHAGEN	TEREMONT	Am. str.	—	—	PODWELL & CO. LTD.	On 17th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSHALLS, LYME & COPENHAGEN	IYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst., at D'light
MARSHALLS, LYME & COPENHAGEN	KAGAZO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	TOYOKIEN KAISHA	First half of April.
MARSHALLS, LYME & COPENHAGEN	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th inst., at Noon.
MARSHALLS, LYME & COPENHAGEN	TAITUAN	Brit. str.	—	T. W. Garlick	BUETFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
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MARSHALLS, LYME & COPENHAGEN	ALDENHAM	Brit. str.	—	D. Mori	BUETFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst., at Noon.
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MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, HOBART, LAunceston, NEW ZEALAND, MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, and PEETH	"TAIWAN"	On 8th Mar., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI and HAIPHONG	"SHANSI" Capt. "SINGAN" Capt. "TEAN"	On 9th Mar., 4 P.M. On 10th Mar., 10 A.M. On 10th Mar., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"HANGCHOW" Capt. "KALGAN" Capt. "LUCHOW"	On 11th Mar., 4 P.M. On 12th Mar., 4 P.M. On 12th Mar., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"KWEIYANG" Capt. "KAIFONG"	On 14th Mar., 4 P.M. On 20th Mar., 4 P.M.

\* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

+ Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

† Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates, or all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1908.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.  
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP, BREMEN, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"GOEBEN" Capt. E. WILHELMI "PRINZESS ALICE" Capt. G. Roth	Wednesday, 11th Mar., at NOON. About Wednesday, 11th March.
MANILA, NEUQUINA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"MANILA" Capt. MINSEN "BORNEO" Capt. F. SEMMEL	Thursday, 26th Mar., at 5 P.M. End of March.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	"PRINZ WALDEMAR" Capt. W. von SENDEN	About Friday, 3rd April.

For further Particulars, apply to— NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., GENERAL AGENTS, HONGKONG & CHINA.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1908.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG— SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO'S S.S.	LEAVING
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, "SOSHU MARU" AMOY AND FOOCHOW	Capt. T. SUBURA	TUESDAY, 10th Mar., at 8 A.M.

\* These Steamers have excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with electric light. First-class Saloon Amidships. Unrivalled Table.

+ Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1908.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HAMBURG.

EAST ASIATIC FREIGHT SERVICE.

Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO, to HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

TAKING Cargo at Through Bales to all European North Continental and British Levantine, Black Sea, and Baltic Ports, and all North and South American Ports.

Also via Aden or Port Said, by the Company's "Arabian and Persian Services" to Arabian and Persian Gulf Ports.

NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG :

OUTWARD. HOMEWARD.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE, S.S. LANGBAK ... 22nd March

S.S. SLEISLE ... 23rd March

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE, S.S. SENEGBAMBA ... 6th April

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE, S.S. BRISGAVIA ... 13th April

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE, S.S. SEGOVIA ... 14th April

For further Particulars, apply to—

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1908.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN

REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIMAH ...	JAVA	First half of March	JAVA PORTS	Second half of March
TJIBODAS ...	JAVA	First half of March	JAPAN	First half of March
TJULATJAP...	JAVA	Second half of March	JAVA PORTS	Second half of March
TJIPANAS...	JAPAN	Second half of March	JAVA PORTS	Second half of March
TJIKINI ...	JAPAN	Second half of March	JAVA PORTS	Second half of March
TJILIWONG...	JAVA	First half of April	JAPAN	First half of April

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Telephone No. 375.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "POLYNESIEN."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo from Loudon ex s.s. "Medoc," "Cordouan," and "Dordogne" from Bordeaux ex s.s. "Ville d'Arras" and "Ville de Dunkerque" in connection with above Steamers are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon, where such consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee Noon To Day, requesting it to be landed.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th March, at Noon, will be subject to rent and handling charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 9th March, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 9th March, at 3 P.M.

No fire Insurance has been effected.

J. MILLET,

Agent:

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1908.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer.

"MARMORA"

From BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed AT THEIR RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where such consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, &c., ex s.s. Molavia.

From Persian Gulf ex s.s. B. I. S. N. & B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 11th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1908.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG  
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES 1908.
MARSEILLE, LONDON and ANTWERP	SANUKI MARU, Tons 6112	WED'DAY, 18th March
PORE, PENANG, AWA MARU	Capt. S. J. G. Parsons	at Daylight.
COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	CAPT. F. B. COPE, Tons 6308	WED'DAY, 1st April, at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C. and IYOU MARU	Capt. T. L. Harrison, Tons 6320	TUESDAY, 17th March, at 4 P.M.
SEATTLE, WASH. via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	Capt. Wm. Thompson	TUESDAY, 21st March, at Daylight.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	Capt. G. S. Lapraik, Tons 3818	FRIDAY, 23rd March, at Noon.
NIKKO MARU	Capt. K. Homma, Tons 5539	FRI'DAY, 17th April, at Noon.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	Capt. T. Harrison, Tons 5539	THURSDAY, 12th March, at 3 P.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	Capt. M. Windeler, Tons 4797	WED'DAY, 18th March, at 4 P.M.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE	Capt. B. Kon, Tons 6126	SATURDAY, 21st March, at Daylight.
COLONBO	Capt. H. Fraser	

\* Cargo only.

+ Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Nagasaki and Yokohama, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by Rail.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. KUSUMOTO,

MANAGER.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

Revised Postal Guide for 1908, now on sale. Price 50 cents each.  
The Empress of China, with the Canadian mail left Shanghai on Friday the 6th instant, at 11 p.m. and may be expected here to-day, at 6 a.m.  
The P. I. Lines' Alice, with the German mail of the 11th February, left Singapore on Friday, the 6th instant, at 11.00 A.M., and may be expected here to-morrow, at 11.00 A.M.

FOR.	P.H.	DATE
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok	Pakist	Monday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.
Saigon	Bawang	Monday, 9th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Monday, 11.15 P.M.
Shanghai	Tumah	Monday, 9th, 2.00 P.M.
Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Cook town Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Port and Fremantle, Hobart and Haiphong	Shant	Monday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow Amoy and Foochow	Taiyuan	Monday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.
Hobart and Bangkok	Amigo	Monday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Hobart and Haiphong	Hatching	Tuesday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Prometheus	Tuesday	Tuesday, 10th, 9.45 A.M.
Singan	Chengang	Tuesday, 10th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 10th, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	Catherine Anne	Tuesday, 10th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Tean	Tuesday, 10th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila		Wednesday, 11th,
EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TURKOMEN	Printed Matter, and Sam	10.45 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	plus.....	10.00 A.M.
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	Registration 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to	10.45 A.M.)
Goeben		
Macao	Registration, Kowloon	11.00 A.M.
Chesco	No late fee.	
Sui Tai	Letters to.....	11.00 A.M.
Kelgan	Wednesday, 11th, 1.15 P.M.	
	Wednesday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.	

LATE LETTERS 11.00 TO 11.30 A.M. EXTRA POSTAGE 10 CENTS.

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EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

March 7th.

ON LONDON—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 110.  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 110.  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 110.  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 110.  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 111.  
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight ..... 111.

ON Paris—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 237.  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 243.

ON GERMANY—  
on demand ..... 193.

ON NEW YORK—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 461.  
Credits, at 60 days' sight ..... 471.

ON BOMBAY—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 141.  
Bank, on demand ..... 142.

ON CALCUTTA—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 141.  
Bank, on demand ..... 142.

ON SHANGHAI—  
Bank, at sight ..... 744.

Private 30 days' sight ..... 753.

ON YOKOHAMA—On demand ..... 921.

ON MANILA—On demand ..... 923.

ON SINGAPORE—On demand ..... 229 p.c.p.m.

ON BATAVIA—On demand ..... 1134.

ON HAIPHONG—On demand ..... 61 p.c.p.m.

ON SAIGON—On demand ..... 793.

ON HANOI—On demand ..... 793.

Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate ..... \$10.45.

GOLD LEAD, 100 lbs., per cwt. .... 55.30.

BAR SILVER, per oz. .... 25.30.

SUBSIDARY COINS, per cent.

Chinese 20 cents piece ..... \$8.32 discount.

10 " ..... 850. "

10 " ..... 785. "

10 " ..... 800. "

OPPIUM.

March 7th.

Quotations are—  
Malwa New ..... 896 per picoul.

Malwa Old ..... 890.

Malwa Old ..... 8120.

Malwa V. Old ..... 81080.

Persian fine quality ..... 8500.

Persian extra fine ..... 8580.

Patna New ..... 11000 per chest.

Patna Old ..... 11000.

Bonres New ..... 8985.

Bonres Old ..... 8800.

VEHICLES EXPORTED.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. Empress of India arrived at Shanghai at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, the 6th inst., and left again at 11 p.m. same day for Hong Kong, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. to-day.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo China str. Foochow from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on 3rd inst. p.m. and may be expected here to-day.

The Indo China str. Kunming from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on 7th inst. at 3 p.m. and may be expected here on or about 13th inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. Princes Alice carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin on 11th ult., left Singapore on 6th inst. at 11 a.m. and may be expected here to-morrow at 11 a.m.

The Indo China str. Goeben left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 1st inst. p.m. and may be expected here to-morrow.

## JOINT STOCK SHARE

Hongkong, March 7th.

COMPANY. PAID UP. QUOTATIONS

Alambra \$200 Nominal.

Banks Hongkong & Sh. \$125 London 275.10.

National B. of China \$50 buyers.

Self's Asbestos E. A. \$12.6d. sellers.

China Borneo Co. \$12.6d. sellers.

China Light & P. Co. \$10.6d. sellers.

China Provident \$10.6d.

Cotton Mills—

Evo. \$10.6d. buyers.

Hongkong International \$10.6d. buyers.

Laos Lung Mow \$10.6d. buyers.

Sohoye \$10.6d. buyers.

Dairy Farm \$10.6d. buyers.

Docks and Wharves \$10.6d. buyers.

H. & K. Wanf & G. \$10.6d. buyers.

H. & W. Dock \$10.6d. buyers.

New Amy Dock \$10.6d. buyers.

Shanghai Dock \$10.6d. buyers.

Sh. & H. What. \$10.6d. buyers.

Fawcett & Co. \$25.6d. sellers.

Green Island Cement \$10.6d. buyers.

Hongkong & C. \$10.6d. buyers.

Hongkong Electric \$10.6d. buyers.

Hongkong Hotels Co. \$10.6d. sellers.

Hongkong Inv. Co. \$10.6d. x.d.

H.K. Milling Co. Ltd. \$10.6d.

Hongkong Rop. Co. \$10.6d.

Insurance—

Canton \$10.6d. sellers.

China Fire \$10.6d. sellers.

China's Trade \$10.6d. buyers.

Hongkong Fire \$10.6d. buyers.

North China Union \$10.6d. sellers.

Yachting \$10.6d. buyers.

Land and Building—

Hongkong Inv. Inv. \$10.6d. sellers.

Humphrey's E. & S. \$10.6d. sellers.

Houlong Land & E. \$10.6d. sellers.

Shanghai Land & E. \$10.6d. buyers.

West Point Building \$10.6d. buyers.

Mining—

Charb' amangs \$10.6d. buyers.

Raubs \$10.6d. buyers.

Peak Tramways \$10.6d. buyers.

Philippines Co. \$10.6d. buyers.

Refineries—

China Sugar \$10.6d. buyers.

Luzon Sugar \$10.6d. buyers.

Steamship Companies—

China and Manilla \$10.6d. sellers.

Douglas Steamship Co. \$10.6d. sellers.

H. C. Canton \$10.6d. sellers.

Indo-China S.N. Co. \$10.6d. sales.

Shell Transport Co. \$10.6d. sales.

Star Ferry \$10.6d. buyers.

Do. Now.—

South China M. Post \$10.6d. sellers.

Steam Laundry Co. \$10.6d. sellers.

Stores & Dispensaries—

Campbell, M. & Co. \$10.6d. sellers.

Powell & Co. Wm. \$10.6d. sellers.

Watson & Co. A. S. \$10.6d. sellers.

Weissman, Lu. \$10.6d. sellers.

United Asbestos Do. \$10.